

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4), Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner is requested to indicate acceptance of the drawings filed November 29, 2000 in the next action.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to improve clarity and address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the § 112, second paragraph, rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/692,045

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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